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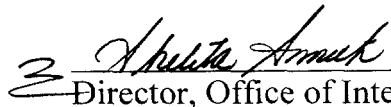
DEPARTMENT ACTION ON APPLICATION IN DOCKET OST-2003-16309
filed October 9, 2003

Application of Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited (Virgin Atlantic) for a statement of authorization permitting Virgin Atlantic to display Singapore Airlines' designator code (SQ) on Virgin Atlantic flights between Manchester, United Kingdom, and Orlando, Florida.

Approved under assigned authority (14 CFR § 385.13).

Date of Action: November 7, 2003

Authority Expires: November 7, 2005



Director, Office of International Aviation

This action is subject to the conditions attached. Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of this action under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR § 385.30, should file their petitions within seven days of the date of this action. This action is effective immediately, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter its effectiveness.

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The code-share operations authorized here are subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The statement of authorization will remain in effect only as long as (i) Virgin Atlantic and/or Singapore Airlines continue to hold the necessary underlying authority to operate the code-share services at issue, and (ii) the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations remains in effect.
- (b) Virgin Atlantic and/or Singapore Airlines must promptly notify the Department if the code-share agreement providing for the code-share operations is no longer effective or the carriers decide to cease operating any or all of the approved code-share services. Such notices should be filed in Docket OST-2003-16309.¹
- (c) The code-sharing operations conducted under this authority must comply with 14 CFR Part 257 and with any amendments to the Department's regulations concerning code-share arrangements that may be adopted. Notwithstanding any provisions in the contract between the carriers, our approval here is expressly conditioned upon the requirements that the subject foreign air transportation be sold in the name of the carrier holding out such service in computer reservation systems and elsewhere; that the carrier selling such transportation (*i.e.*, the carrier shown on the ticket) accept responsibility for the entirety of the code-share journey for all obligations established in its contract of carriage with the passenger; and that the passenger liability of the operating carrier be unaffected.
- (d) The authority granted here is specifically conditioned so that neither carrier shall give any force or effect to any contractual provisions between themselves that are contrary to these conditions.
- (e) We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted at any time without hearing at our discretion.

¹ We expect this notification to be received within 10 days of such non-effectiveness or of such decision.